

Austinite Series

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Safety Data Sheet

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SECTION 1: IDENTIFICATION

Product Identifier: Austinite Series
Product Names and Synonyms: Austinite 15, VX-100, VX-101, Austinite WR series, Austinite HE series
Intended Use: As a commercial explosive.
Intended Users: For use only under strictly controlled conditions and only by qualified personnel who are fully trained in the handling and use of this product.

Name, Address, and Telephone of the Responsible Party:

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SECTION 2: HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

Classification of the Substance or Mixture:

Code	Hazard Class	Hazard Category
H205	Explosives	Division 1.5
H227	Flammable Liquid	4
H272	Oxidizing Solid	3
H303	Acute Toxicity, oral	5
H315	Skin Corrosion / Irritation	2
H319	Serious eye damage / eye irritation	2A
H333	Acute Toxicity, inhalation	5
H335	Specific target organ toxicity, single exposure; Respiratory tract irritation	3

Label Elements

Danger



Hazard Statements

May mass explode in a fire
Combustible Liquid
May intensify fire; oxidizer
May be harmful if swallowed
Causes skin irritation
Causes eye irritation
May be harmful if inhaled
May cause respiratory irritation



Precautionary Statements

Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
 Do not breathe dust or fumes.
 Do not subject to grinding, friction, impact or shock.
 Wash hands and other contact areas thoroughly after handling.
 Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
 Wear eye protection, protective gloves recommended.
 IF SWALLOWED: Get immediate medical attention. DO NOT induce vomiting.
 IF ON SKIN: Wash contact area with soap and water. If irritation occurs, get medical attention.
 Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
 IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air. Keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. If eye irritation persists, get medical attention.
 If exposed or concerned, or you do not feel well: Get medical attention.
 Store locked-up in a ventilated space, in accordance with all applicable regulations.
 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with all applicable regulations.

Other Hazards:

In case of fire: Extreme risk of explosion. Evacuate area. **DO NOT** fight fire when fire reaches explosives.

Exposure reaction may be aggravated for those with pre-existing eye, skin, or respiratory conditions.
 Causes methemoglobinemia. Methemoglobinemia decreases the blood's ability to carry oxygen and results in symptoms such as dizziness, drowsiness, headache, shortness of breath, blue skin and lips, rapid heart rate, unconsciousness, and possibly death.

Unknown Acute Toxicity: Not available

SECTION 3: COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Name	Product Identifier	% (w/w)
Ammonium nitrate	CAS No. 6484-52-2	85-95%
Fuels, diesel, no.2	CAS No. 68476-34-6	4-6%
Aluminum	CAS No. 7429-90-5	0-10%
Guar gum	CAS No. 9000-30-0	0-5%
Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose	CAS No. 9004-32-4	0-5%

SECTION 4: FIRST AID MEASURES

General: Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. If you feel unwell, get medical attention, show the label where possible.

Inhalation: When symptoms occur: move to open air, keep at rest and in a position comfortable for breathing. Get medical attention. Ventilate suspected area.

Skin Contact: Wash contact areas with soap and water. Remove contaminated clothing. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Eye Contact: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do so. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation persists.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth. DO NOT induce vomiting. Get medical attention.

Most Important Symptoms and Effects both Acute and Delayed:

Inhalation: May cause irritation to the respiratory tract, symptoms include: sneezing, coughing, burning sensation of throat with constricting sensation of the larynx and difficulty in breathing.



- Skin Contact:** May cause mild skin irritation. Symptoms may include: redness, pain, swelling, itching, burning, dryness and dermatitis. May cause a more severe irritation or allergic reaction in sensitive individuals.
- Eye Contact:** May cause serious eye irritation. Symptoms may include redness, pain, swelling, itching, burning, tearing and blurred vision.
- Ingestion:** Ammonium nitrate ingestion may cause methemoglobinemia. Initial manifestation of methemoglobinemia is cyanosis, characterized by blue lips, tongue and mucous membranes, with skin color being slate grey. Further manifestation is characterized by headache, weakness, dyspnea, dizziness, stupor, respiratory distress and death due to anoxia. If ingested, nitrates may be reduced to nitrites by bacteria in the digestive tract. Signs and symptoms of nitrite poisoning include methemoglobinemia, nausea, dizziness, increased heart rate, hypotension, fainting and, possibly shock.
- Chronic Symptoms:** May cause irritation to the respiratory tract. May cause damage to organs through exposure.

Indication of Any Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed:

If exposed, concerned or you don't feel well, get medical attention.

SECTION 5: FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

DO NOT fight fires involving Ammonium Nitrate. There is an extreme risk that ammonium nitrate involved in a fire may detonate, especially if confined. Evacuate the area in all directions for one (1) mile or more if any amount of ammonium nitrate is involved in a fire. Evacuation is recommended if the initial (incipient) fire, not involving ammonium nitrate, becomes intense. General extinguishers may be used on the initial fire, not involving ammonium nitrate, such as electrical equipment fires, tire fires or a general plant fire. Water may be used to cool ammonium nitrate not involved in the initial fire. Consult the most current Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG), Guide 140 for additional information.

Extinguishing Media

- Suitable Extinguishing Media:** None.
- Unsuitable Extinguishing Media:** For fires near explosives, dry chemical, foams, steam and smothering devices are not effective, can lead to possible explosion and must not be used.

Special Hazards Arising from the Substance or Mixture

- Fire Hazard:** There is an extreme risk that explosives involved in a fire may detonate.

Advice for Firefighters

- Precautionary Measures:** It is recommended that the amount and location of any explosives stored near a fire be determined prior to committing firefighters to fight the fire.

- Firefighting Instructions:** When fighting the initial fire, not involving explosives, firefighters should follow standard firefighting procedures for the materials involved.

- Hazardous Combustion Products:** No unusual combustion products are expected. However, toxic fumes will be present.



SECTION 6: ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures

General Measures: Contact the manufacturer or CHEMTREC. No smoking, open flames or flame/spark producing items in the area.

For Non-Emergency Personnel

Protective Equipment: Use appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE).

Emergency Procedures: Isolate the area from unnecessary personnel.

For Emergency Personnel

Protective Equipment: Provide cleanup crew with proper PPE.

Emergency Procedures: Stop the discharge if safe to do so. Ventilate area.

Emergency Precautions: Avoid release to the environment.

Methods and Material for Containment and Cleaning Up Contact manufacturer or CHEMTREC.

SECTION 7: HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for Safe Handling

Additional Hazards when Processed: Avoid heating explosives in a confined space. Any proposed use of this product in elevated temperature processes should be thoroughly evaluated to assure that safe operating conditions are established and maintained. A "hot work" program consistent with OSHA requirements at 29 CFR 1910.252 must be used when performing hot work on explosive process equipment, storage areas or containers related to the intended use.

Hygiene Measures: Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety procedures. Wash hands and other exposed areas with soap and water before eating, drinking, or smoking and again when leaving work. Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

Conditions for Safe Storage, Including Any Incompatibilities

Technical Measures: May be corrosive to metals. Smoking, open flames, and unauthorized sparking or flame-producing devices are prohibited.

Storage Conditions: Storage areas should be inspected regularly by an individual trained to identify potential hazards and ensure that all safety and security control measures are being properly implemented. All explosives storage sites must comply with ATF, OSHA or NRCAN regulations.

Incompatible Materials: Avoid contamination with combustible or flammable materials, strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidizing agents, reducing agents, chlorinated compounds, copper (any alloys like bronze and brass), metal powders and peroxides.

Special Rules on Packaging: Packaging in accordance with USDOT or NRCAN regulations.



SECTION 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Occupational exposure limits:

Ammonium nitrate, CAS No. 6484-52-2		
USA ACGIH (nuisance dust)	ACGIH TWA (mg/m ³)	10 mg/m ³ – Inhalable particulate
USA OSHA (nuisance dust)	OSHA PEL (TWA) (mg/m ³)	5 mg/m ³ – Respirable (particulate)

Fuels, diesel, no. 2, CAS No. 68476-34-6		
US ACGIH	ACGIH TWA	100 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)
Alberta	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³
British Columbia	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³ (aerosol, inhalable, and vapor)
Manitoba	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)
Newfoundland & Labrador	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)
Nova Scotia	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)
Ontario	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)
Prince Edward Island	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)
Saskatchewan	OEL STEL	150 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA	100 mg/m ³ (inhalable fraction and vapor)

Aluminum granules, CAS No. 7429-90-5		
USA ACGIH	ACGIH TWA	1 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)
USA ACGIH	ACGIH category	Not Classifiable as a Human Carcinogen
USA OSHA	OSHA PEL (TWA)	15 mg/m ³ (total dust), 5 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)
USA NIOSH	NIOSH REL (TWA)	10 mg/m ³ (total dust), 5 mg/m ³ (respirable dust)
Alberta	OEL TWA	10 mg/m ³ (dust)
British Columbia	OEL TWA	1.0 mg/m ³ (respirable)
Manitoba	OEL TWA	1 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)
New Brunswick	OEL TWA	10 mg/m ³ (metal dust)
Newfoundland & Labrador	OEL TWA	1 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)
Nova Scotia	OEL TWA	1 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)
Nunavut	OEL STEL	20 mg/m ³
Nunavut	OEL TWA	10 mg/m ³
Northwest Territories	OEL STEL	20 mg/m ³
Northwest Territories	OEL TWA	10 mg/m ³
Ontario	OEL TWA	1 mg/m ³ (respirable)
Prince Edward Island	OEL TWA	1 mg/m ³ (respirable fraction)
Québec	VEMP	10 mg/m ³
Saskatchewan	OEL STEL	20 mg/m ³ (dust)
Saskatchewan	OEL TWA	10 mg/m ³ (dust)

Exposure Controls:

Appropriate Engineering Controls: Product should be handled and used under strictly controlled conditions. Emergency eye wash fountains and safety showers should be available in the vicinity of any potential exposure, but are not required.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Hand Protection: Chemically resistant gloves are recommended, but not required.

Eye Protection: Safety glasses with side shields or safety goggles.

Respiratory Protection: Approved respiratory protection should be worn when recommended by a risk assessment or if irritation is experienced.



SECTION 9: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Information on Physical and Chemical Properties:

Appearance:	Solid, small spheres
Odor:	Fuel
Odor threshold:	Not available
Vapor density:	Not available
pH:	Not relevant
Melting point (ammonium nitrate):	165°C (330°F)
Initial boiling point and boiling range:	Not available
Flash point:	Not available
Evaporation rate:	Not relevant
Flammability:	Not available
Upper / lower flammability or explosive limits:	Not available
Vapor pressure:	Not available
Bulk Density:	0.75 – 0.95 g/cc (49 - 59 lb/cf)
Solubility:	Soluble in water
Partition coefficient: n-octol/water:	Not available
Auto-ignition temperature:	Not available
Decomposition temperature:	>210°C (>410°F)
Viscosity:	Not relevant
Explosive properties:	Mass detonation hazard when involved in a fire
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact:	Not sensitive to mechanical impact
Explosion Data – Sensitivity to Static Discharge:	Not sensitive to static discharge

SECTION 10: STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity and Chemical Stability:	Stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of transportation, storage, handling and use.
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions:	Polymerization will not occur.
Conditions to Avoid:	Open flame and elevated temperatures.
Incompatible Materials:	Avoid contamination with combustible or flammable materials, strong acids, strong bases, strong oxidizing agents, reducing agents, chlorinated compounds, copper (any alloys like bronze and brass), metal powders and peroxides.
Hazardous Combustion Products:	No unusual combustion products are expected. However, toxic fumes will be present.

SECTION 11: TOXICOLOGY INFORMATION

Acute Toxicity:	Not classified
LD50 and LC50 Data:	Not available
Skin Corrosion/Irritation:	May cause skin irritation
Eye Damage/Irritation:	May cause serious eye irritation
Respiratory or Skin Sensitization:	Not classified
Germ Cell Mutagenicity:	Not classified
Teratogenicity:	Not available
Carcinogenicity:	Not classified
Reproductive Toxicity:	Not classified

**Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Single Exposure):**

Not classified

Specific Target Organ Toxicity (Repeated Exposure):

May cause drowsiness or dizziness

Aspiration Hazard:

Not classified

Symptoms/Injuries after Inhalation:

Harmful if inhaled, causes methemoglobinemia. Symptoms may include headache, dizziness, nausea and a loss of coordination.

Symptoms/Injuries after Skin Contact:

May cause mild skin irritation. Symptoms may include: redness, pain, swelling, itching, burning, dryness and dermatitis. May cause a more severe or allergic reaction in sensitive individuals.

Symptoms/Injuries after Eye Contact:

May cause serious eye irritation. Symptoms may include redness, pain, swelling, itching, burning, tearing and blurred vision.

Symptoms/Injuries after Ingestion:

Burning sensation. Abdominal pain. Abdominal cramps. Vomiting. Ammonium nitrate ingestion may cause methemoglobinemia.

Chronic Symptoms:

Although none are expected under normal conditions, inhalation exposure may cause methemoglobinemia and may damage respiratory tract.

LD50 and LC50 Data (ingredients):

Ammonium nitrate, CAS No. 6484-52-2	
LD50 Oral Rat	2,217 mg/kg of body weight
LC50 Inhalation Rat	> 88.8 mg/l/4h

Fuels, diesel, no. 2, CAS No 68476-34-6	
LD50 Oral Rat	>5000 mg/kg
LD50 Dermal Rabbit	>2000 mg/kg
LC50 Inhalation Rat	1 - 5 mg/l/4h

Guar gum, CAS No 9000-30-0	
LD50 Oral Rat	6,770 mg/kg

Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, CAS No 9004-32-4	
LD50 Oral Rat	27,000 mg/kg
LC50 Dermal Rabbit	> 2,000 mg/l/4h
LC50 Inhalation Rat	> 5,800 mg/l/4h

SECTION 12: ECOLOGY INFORMATION

Not available

SECTION 13: DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Call manufacturer or CHEMTREC.



SECTION 14: TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Austinite 15, VX-100, VX-101

Agency	UN Number	Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class	Label Codes	PG	Marine Pollutant	Other
US DOT	NA0331	Ammonium nitrate-fuel oil mixture <i>containing only prilled ammonium nitrate and fuel oil.</i>	1.5D	1.5D		No	ERG-112
Canadian TDG	UN0331	Explosive, blasting, type B	1.5D	1.5D		No	--
IMDG (Vessel)	UN0331	Explosive, blasting, type B	1.5D	1.5D		No	EmS-No, Fire: F-B Spillage: S-Y
IATA (Air)	Contact the manufacturer.						

Austinite WR Series, Austinite HE series

Agency	UN Number	Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class	Label Codes	PG	Marine Pollutant	Other
US DOT	UN0331	Explosive, blasting, type B	1.5D	1.5D		No	ERG-112
Canadian TDG	UN0331	Explosive, blasting, type B	1.5D	1.5D		No	--
IMDG (Vessel)	UN0331	Explosive, blasting, type B	1.5D	1.5D		No	EmS-No, Fire: F-B Spillage: S-Y
IATA (Air)	Contact the manufacturer.						

SECTION 15: REGULATORY INFORMATION

US Federal Regulations:

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA), a/k/a Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III
 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
 TSCA Section 8

SARA Section 311/312	Reactive hazard Fire hazard Sudden Release of pressure hazard. Immediate (acute) health hazard Delayed (chronic) health hazard
TSCA	All the ingredients are on the United States TSCA inventory.

Canadian Regulations:

Domestic Substances List (DSL)
 Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)

WHMIS Classification	Note: Explosives are regulated by NRCAN and not classified under WHMIS
DSL	All ingredients are listed on the Canadian DSL

Ammonium nitrate (CAS No. 6484-52-2)

WHMIS Classification	Class C – Oxidizing Substance Class D, Division 2, Subdivision B – Toxic material causing other toxic effects.
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SECTION 16: OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF LAST REVISION

This SDS was prepared in accordance with US (29 CFR 1900.1200) and Canadian (WHMIS 2015) requirements.

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